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SUBJECT: SPD INITIATIVE ON MBFR

1. AN AP ARTICLE CARRIED IN THE SEPTEMBER 22 "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" INDICATED THAT THE SPD WANTED TO PUSH AHEAD WITH AN ARMS LIMITATION INITIATIVE, MENTIONING MBFR SPECIFICALLY IN THIS CONTEXT. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT BESIDES GIVING A NEW IMPULSE TO EUROPEAN UNITY THIS YEAR THROUGH A SERIES OF INITIATIVES, THE SPD WOULD AT THE SAME TIME REQUEST THE FRG TO UNDERTAKE NEW PROJECTS FOR ARMS LIMITATIONS IN THE NEXT MONTHS.

2. THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT WILLY BRANDT HAD STATED IN BONN ON SEPTEMBER 21 THAT THE MBFR QUESTION, AFTER TALKS AT THE EXPERT LEVEL, SHOULD NOW BE MADE INTO AN OBJECT OF CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

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3. THE INITIATIVES DESCRIBED ABOVE WERE PART OF NINE

THESES ON FOREIGN AND GERMAN POLICY WHICH BRANDT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. ACCORDING TO THESIS SIX, THE ARMS LIMITATION INITIATIVE CORRESPONDED TO THE VITAL INTEREST OF THE FRG TO SEEK RESTRAINT IN THE ARMS RACE. THE SPD PARTY CHAIRMAN ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE CONNECTED WITH THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

4. COMMENT: WE VIEW THE SPD INITIATIVE, AS BRANDT ADMITTED, AS ESSENTIALLY AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN TACTIC DESIGNED TO PORTRAY THE SPD AS THE PARTY OF PEACE AND REASON IN DEALINGS WITH THE EAST. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN GENERAL AND MBFR IN PARTICULAR HAVE NOT PLAYED A ROLE IN THE CAMPAIGN. A FOREIGN OFFICE MBFR OFFICIAL INDICATED TODAY THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE SPD INITIATIVE. THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THE MATTER AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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